

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO

South American Spongeplant Eradication Area, Section 3963

Title 3, California Code of Regulations

Update of Initial Statement of Reasons/Policy Statement Overview

The initial statement of reasons/policy statement overview is still valid.

Summary of and Response to Objections or Comments Regarding the Regulations

The summary of and response to each objection or comment received during the written comment period or received before or during the public hearing, if one was held, are as follows:

No comments or request for a public hearing were received during the public comment period.

Mandate on Local Agencies and School Districts

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that Section 3963(a) does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. The Department also has determined that the regulations will involve no costs or savings to any state agency, no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, no reimbursable costs or savings to local agencies or school districts under Section 17561 of the Government Code, and no costs or savings in federal funding to the State. The cost impact of the changes in the regulations on private persons or businesses should not be significant as the Department is performing all of the eradication activities.

The Department has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on housing costs or California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Assessment

The Department has made an assessment that the proposed regulations would not (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Alternatives Considered

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.